

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI

MEETING MINUTES

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Pande, 6:03 PM

Board members present: Claudine Pande, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Diane Bampton Allen, Theresa Donovan, Sheryl Green, Lee Kissinger

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, (left the meeting at 6:34 PM); Marie Ahern, Curriculum Director

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. **District Mission Statement**
- III. **Open Forum (15-minute limit)**
- IV. **Presentation**

A. Student Liaison Monthly Report

Noah Jussila offered a brief report on behalf of the Student Council.

Superintendent Erinakes presented a New England School Development Council (NESDEC) Academic Growth and Student Leadership in Learning Award to EWG High School Senior, Noah Jussila.

- V. **Routine Items**
Consent Agenda

A. *Item Pulled*

B. Personnel Items

1. **Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)**

- a. **John Krom as Head Golf Coach, Stipend Amount \$3,095; effective for the 2015-2016 season**

- b. **Julie Fornuto** – Increase FTE status from .6 to 1.0, effective October 19, 2015
- c. **Gillian Buckler** – Increase FTE status from .9 to 1.0 for the remainder of semester-one only, effective October 13, 2015
- d. **Jessica Murray** - Increase FTE status from .6 to .64, effective September 4, 2015, to accommodate adding advisory to her schedule
- 2. Leaves of Absence
- 3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)
 - a. Letter from **David Zyons** resigning his position as Head Golf Coach at the Senior High School, effective October 2, 2015
- 4. Non-Renewals
- 5. Job Share Proposals
- 6. Recalls
- 7. Sabbaticals
- 8. Contracts

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$757,152.08

D. Home School Approvals

End Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Rafanelli requested to pull the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2015.

MSV – To accept the consent agenda, without the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2015 –Rafanelli/Donovan – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

MSV – To accept the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2015 – Zuercher/Bampton Allen – (6-0) – Vice Chair Rafanelli abstained – MOTION APPROVED

V. Routine Items
Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2015

E. Correspondence – (1) August 25, 2015 – September 30, 2015 AND August 26, 2014 – September 30, 2014 Discipline Reports; (2) September 15, 2015 letter from Jr. High School Cross Country Coach Marc Hamlin to School Committee regarding local Scout and Grade 11 student Thomas Riccuitti's accomplishment/contribution

F. 2014 – 2015 Budget Projection

G. 2015 – 2016 Budget

H. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)

- 1. Policy Subcommittee

2. **IT Subcommittee**
3. **Public Relations Subcommittee**
4. **Charter Review Subcommittee**

Chair Pande requested to include Building Committee on the Monthly Subcommittee Report(s) list on future meeting agendas.

Chair Pande requested Member Bampton Allen ask Exeter Town Council to invite/recommend two residents from Exeter to serve on the Building Committee.

Chair Pande requested Exeter School Committee members assist with locating two residents to serve.

I. Monthly Status Reports – (ENCLOSED)

1. **Superintendent**
2. **Curriculum**
3. **Business**
4. **Special Education**
5. **Maintenance**
6. **Technology**

VI. New Business

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Reserve/Capital Project Update

Mr. Ross offered a brief update regarding the security, tennis courts, and STEM Park projects. He recognized Urbane Construction for their good work.

VIII. Reports/Comments

IX. Important Dates and Meetings – Tuesday, October 27, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, November 10, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, November 24, 2015-School Committee Meeting; Tuesday, December 8, 2015-School Committee Meeting

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 6:34 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(8) – Student Hearing – Appeal of superintendent's decision to uphold suspension – Rafanelli/Zuercher – and voted as follows:

Claudine Pande	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE
Diane Bampton Allen	AYE
Sheryl Green	AYE

Mr. Ross left the meeting, (6:34 PM)

X. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and RIGL 42-46-5

A. 42-46-5 (a) (8) – Student Hearing – Appeal of superintendent's decision to uphold suspension

- B. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)
- C. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice
- D. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel
- E. 42-46-5(a)(3) – Security

XI. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of October 13, 2015] – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

No disclosure of votes, consistent with RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(8) – Executive Session Student Discipline Hearing.

XII. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

MSV – To seal the Executive Session Minutes [of October 13, 2015] – Kissinger/Donovan – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XIII. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Zuercher/Rafanelli – (7-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**